THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE) DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (b) The Government is aware of the discussion and debate going on in the country regarding the revision of its text books for all the stages of school education. Some historians have reacted through media and organisation like SAHMAT. These are apparently based on ideological consideration.

(c) All the manuscripts are being rigorously examined and reviewed at workshops to ensure that the books are free from factual errors and any sectarian or ideological bias. Subject experts, advisers, practicing teachers and internal faculty members sit together to see that the books conform to objective academic standards.

Scholars writing History books

219. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI ABDUL GAIYUR QURESHI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of scholars who have been assigned the work of writing History books for students of schools, following the CBSE pattern of senior secondary education, being prepared by NCERT, as per new syllabus;

(b) what are the credentials of each of them; and

(c) the reasons and the rationale of displacing the earlier authors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE) DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (c) For the development of the new textbooks, NCERT draw upon the inputs and expertise of academicians, including teachers and subject area experts. There is no fixed panel of experts for writing the text books. When the text books are finally printed, the name of the experts associates with the development of text books are mentioned in them.

Errors in History text books of NCERT

220. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item